

OGC 74-0387
11 March 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief of Support/DTS

SUBJECT : Use of Government Gasoline in Private
Automobiles for Official Business

1. You have asked whether you could make available to Agency personnel, I believe both students and faculty, gasoline from your government-owned stocks to enable the employees to perform assigned duties by using their privately-owned automobiles. I see no legal objection to this proposed action. The reason government acquires government property is to use it for government business. Your proposal clearly fits within this purpose. We have been advised informally by the Office of General Counsel of the General Accounting Office that that office has given informal approval to another government department which referred to it a question similar to the one you pose to us.

2. As you know, mileage allowances are intended to at least approximate costs which the recipient incurs. In setting the amount of mileage allowance, it therefore would be appropriate to take into account the fact that gasoline is furnished by the government.

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Associate General Counsel

cc: D/Logistics

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